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CONFIDENTIAL

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Dear Bill:

Thanks for your letter and for the copy of your letter to Bob Young. I am sorry that Young believes that I prompted Peterson's inquiry, for that means that he thinks that I am gunning for him and that I am doing so behind the scenes. Not that it would have been any manifestation of bad faith on my part if I had initiated an inquiry via the Council, but I would not have done it that way. I have the greatest possible interest in your efforts at Ohio State, and if I have anything to say about matters that impinge upon them, I shall say it to you. I shall certainly not start anything behind your back to create problems for you.

I was surprised when Pete sent me a copy of his note to Milher, Inc., for I did not know that anyone had instigated an enquiry. It was not remarkable, however, that he sent me a copy, since he keeps me fully informed (as the Chairman of the Council's Standing Committee on Education and Professional Training) of everything that concerns this subject in the affairs and correspondence of the Council.

Your comments on my views and attitudes, in your letter to Young, represent them very well, but I want you to be very sure of one thing. I regretted your leaving this school, and my regret continues, but it does not derive, in any way, from your return to the field via Ohio State. Rather I rejoice at your return, and if the knowledge of occupational medicine is spread more widely in medical education or practice by your being there, rather than here, I regard my personal loss as a gain for medicine and the community.

One other comment seems pertinent. I have missed none of the major activities of the Council on Industrial Health, in matters of policy, for quite a few years. During that time the program of Milher, Incorporated has never been discussed or brought to our attention. If Bob Young cleared it, he did so casually and informally and without presenting the facts.

Sincerely yours,